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## Disaster Incident Period Extended by Four Days Accounts for damages caused by October storm

**Anchorage, AK** – The official disaster incident period for the federally declared disaster areas of the severe October Bering Sea storm has been extended by four days to include October 21 to 24. The original incident period, declared November 15 by President Bush, was October 18-20, 2004.

Bill Lokey, the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said, “Damages that occurred to the declared areas in the new period are now eligible for federal funds that will pay 75 percent of the approved cost for debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster, and for repair or replacement of damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings, and utilities.”

Gary Brown, the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) for the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management added, “This extension ensures that all eligible communities affected by this disaster may apply for the help they need to recover.”

The affected communities include those in the Northwest Arctic Borough, and those inside the boundaries of the Bering Strait, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, Kashunamiut (Chevak), and Pribilof Islands Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAAs). These communities are eligible to apply for assistance for damages that occurred during the new time period. Applicant briefings for local officials are continuing.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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